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To the FDA:

I am submitting the following comments pertaining to FDA Dockets 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197:

- The FDA must do more to stop bacterial contamination and egg-borne illness. Adding warning labels about bacteria to eggs and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures is inadequate to address the contamination problem.
- The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting, which has been scientifically shown to promote disease by weakening and destroying the immune systems of starved hens.
- The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that pose danger to or injure human health. Forced molting is one of these practices.
- Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, their eggs, and consumers who eat the eggs of hens who have been forced molted. The cruel practice of forced molting and egg contamination and egg-borne illness are linked. The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens for this reason.
- In 1998, the FDA was petitioned to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay to end cruel this cruel practice and protect consumers from its inevitable side effects: contaminated eggs and egg-borne food poisoning in humans.

Thank you,

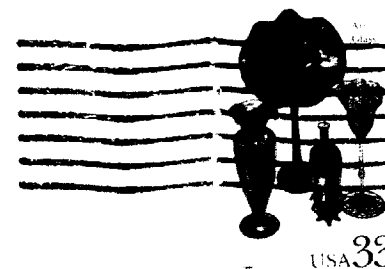
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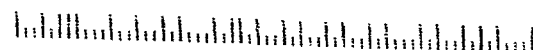
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